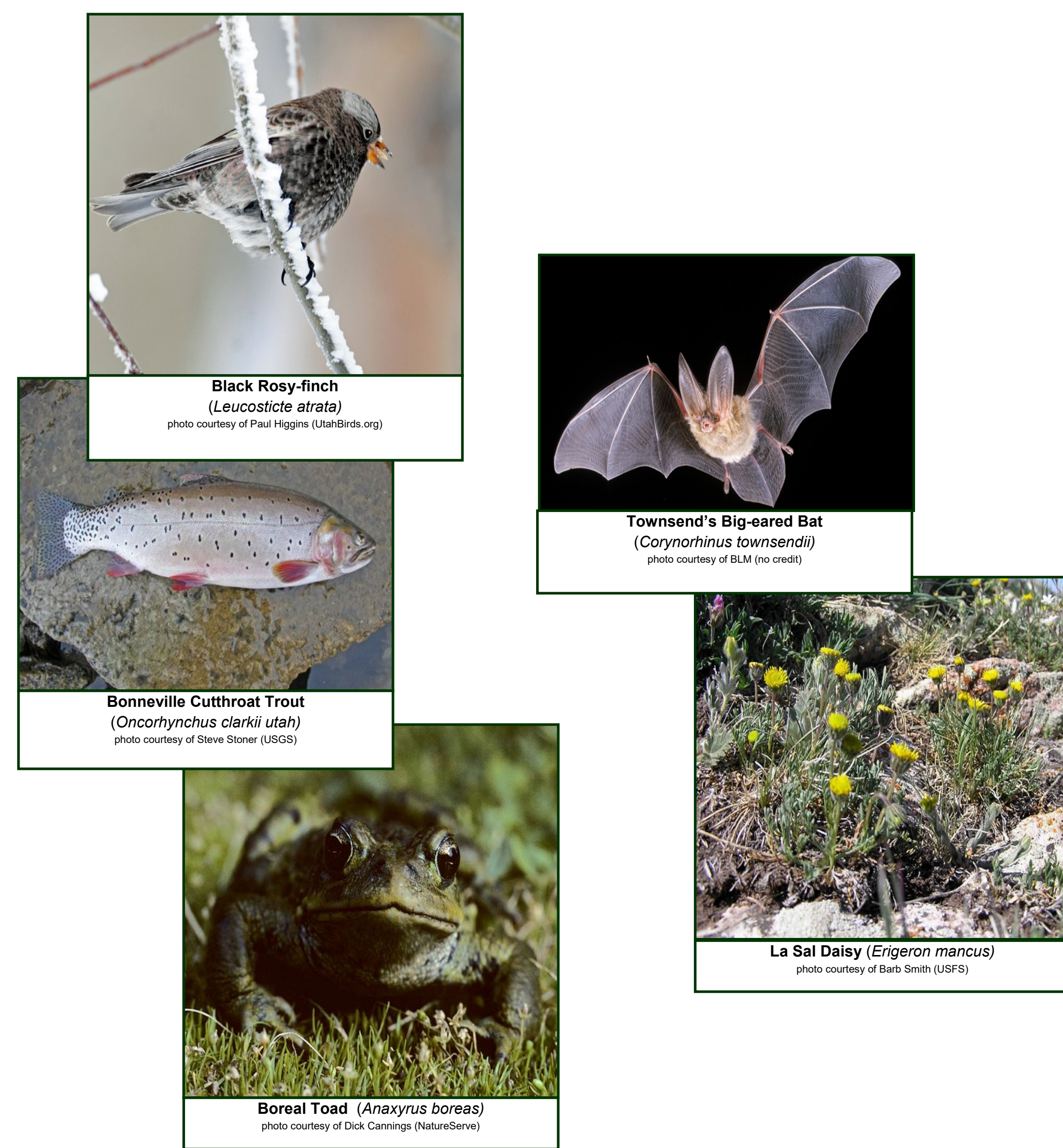


Species of Conservation Concern (SCC):
Status of Non-Plant and Plant Species
List

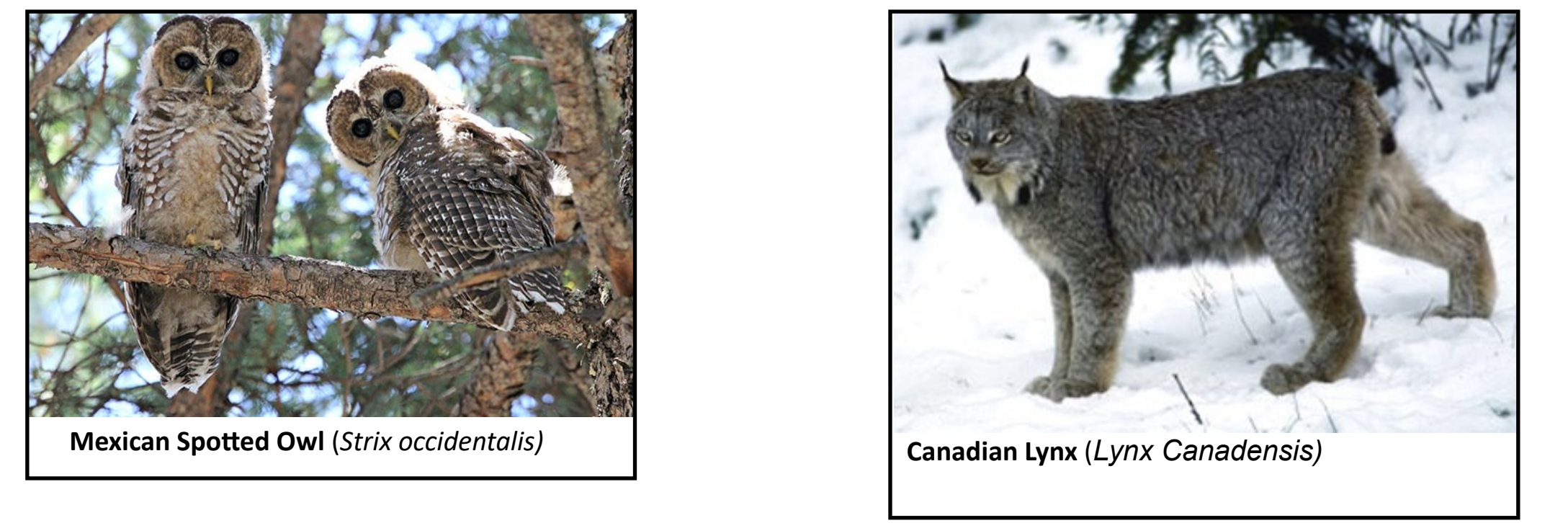
Non-plant Species — 11 species have been identified as initial SCC species. These species will be carried forward into the development of the Revised Forest Plan.

Plant Species — 32 plant species have been identified as initial SCC species. These species will be carried forward into the development of the Revised Forest Plan.



Federally listed Threatened, Endangered,
Proposed and Candidate Species

Federally Listed Species — A total of 6 federally listed species have been identified as occurring within the plan area (5 *non-plant species and 1 plant species*). These species will be carried forward into the development of the Revised Forest Plan.



Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) and At-Risk Species

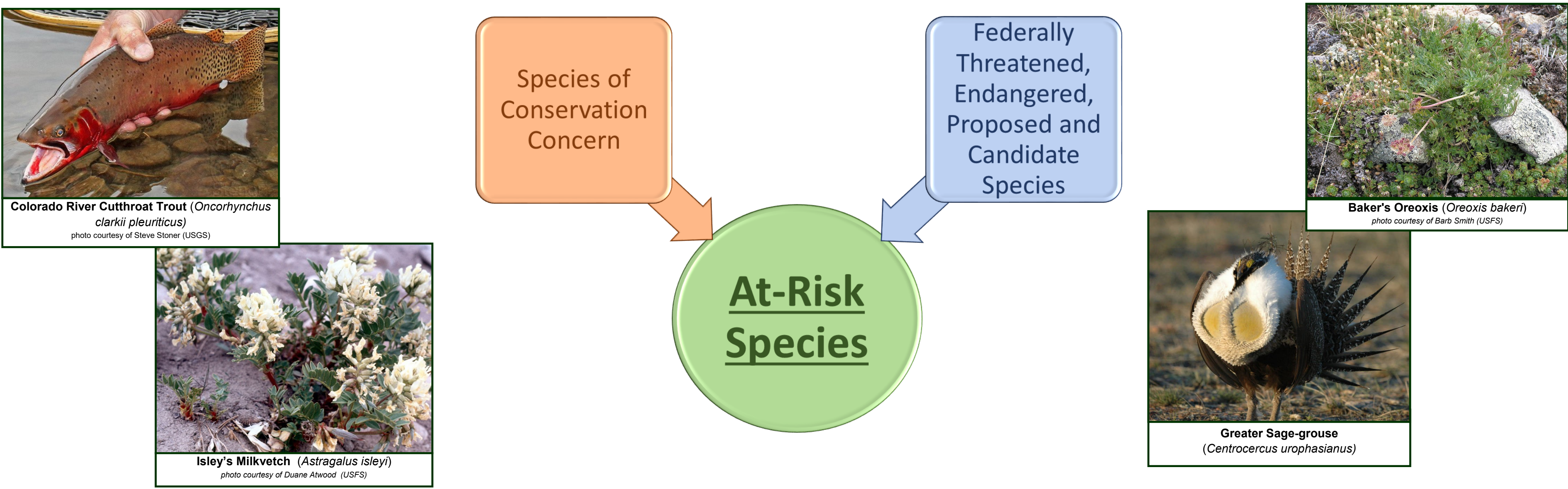
What are Species of Conservation Concern?

SCC are defined in the 2012 Planning Rule as: A species “... *other than federally recognized threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, that is known to occur in the plan area and for which the regional forester has determined that the best available scientific information indicates substantial concern about the species’ capability to persist over the long-term in the plan area.*” [36 CFR 219.9(c)]



What are at-risk species?

At-Risk Species are “...collectively, the federally recognized threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species and species of conservation concern within a plan area.” [FSH 1909.12, Zero Code]



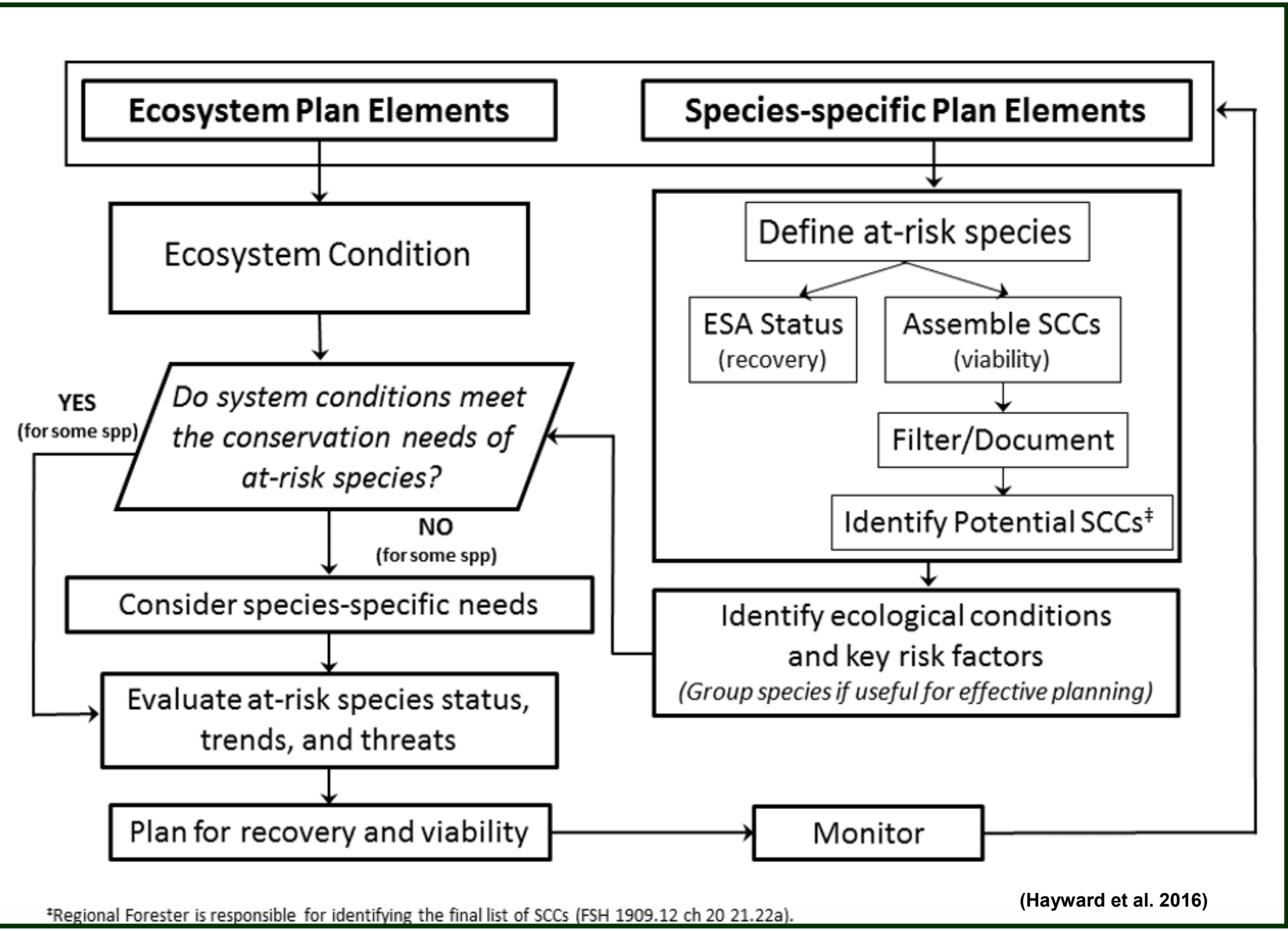
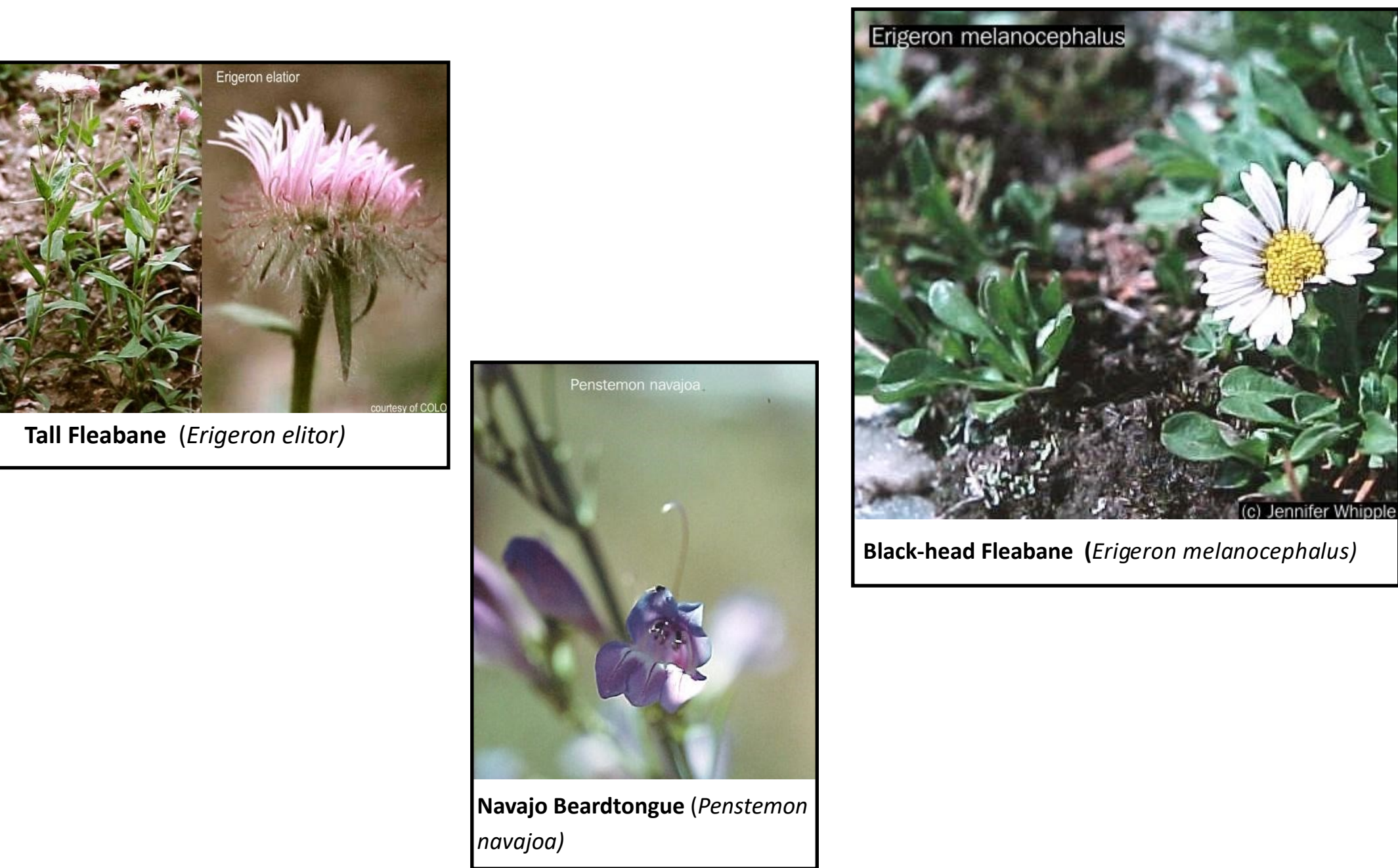
How do At-Risk Species fit into the Forest Plan Revision Process?

PHASE 1: THE ASSESSMENT — At-risk Species (SCC and Federally Listed T&E and Candidate species) are identified in the 2012 Planning Rule[36 CFR 219.6(b)(5)] as one of the required Assessment topics. **COMPLETED**

PHASE 2: PLAN DEVELOPMENT — The 2012 Planning Rule[36 CFR 219.9(b)(1)] requires that plan components are developed to ensure that the ecological conditions are managed to ensure viable populations of SCC species. The flowchart below provides additional clarification of this interrelationship between SCC and Plan components. **IN PROCESS**

NEPA — The SCC will be incorporated into the draft Revised Forest Plan and will go through the NEPA process concurrently with the Revised Forest Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). **NEXT STEP**

PHASE 3: IMPLEMENTATION — SCC status reviews will be incorporated into the bi-annual Forest reviews and reporting process which will be used to inform the Forest’s adaptive management approach.



*Regional Forester is responsible for identifying the final list of SCCs (FSH 1909.12 ch 20 21-22a).

(Hayward et al. 2016)

CURRENT STEP

AT-RISK SPECIES AND PHASE 2:
PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Per the 2012 Planning Rule [36 CFR 219.9)] , plan components ***must*** include components that:

- ⇒ *Maintain or restore* rare aquatic and terrestrial plant and animal communities
- ⇒ *Contribute to* the recovery of federally listed threatened and endangered species
- ⇒ *Conserve proposed and candidate species*
- ⇒ *Maintain a viable population of each SCC species*

SEE HANDOUT ON TABLE FOR LIST OF INITIAL
IDENTIFIED SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN

AT-RISK SPECIES AND PHASE 2:
NEPA

Plan components developed during Phase 2: Plan Development will be carried forward into the NEPA process for the entire draft plan; that includes those developed as required for identified At-Risk species.

WHO MAKES THE FINAL DECISION FOR A
FOREST’S SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN?

Per the 2012 Planning Rule [36 CFR 219.7(c)(3)] , “*The regional forester shall identify the species of conservation concern for the plan area...*”

A SCC Criteria Flowchart and a SCC Procedural Flowchart are available below as handouts.

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